

CITY OF GAHANNA  
**LANDSCAPE BOARD**  
**Special Meeting**  
**Creekside Landscape Plan**  
**MINUTES – June 18, 2007**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Melissa Hyde called the Special Meeting of the Landscape Board to order on Monday, June 18, 2007 at Creekside Park at 5:35 pm.

**ROLL CALL:**

<b><u>Present:</u></b>	Jane Allinder
	Mark DiGiando
	Teresa Woolley
	Melissa Hyde
	Joseph Keehner

In attendance from the City Administration, Department of Parks & Recreation were Tony Collins, Director, Troy Euton, Deputy Director and Bill Loebick, Matt Huffman, Development Department, Don Sheperd, Chair, Planning Commission, Luke Messinger, Eric Miller, Diane Cantrell and Vinnie Tremante from the Parks & Recreation Board.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Creekside Landscape Plan**

The Landscape Board, Parks & Recreation Board and attendees walked Creekside Park discussing the landscape plan along the Big Walnut Creek bank.

DiGiando made a **MOTION** recommending to the Planning Commission that the following:

- The Developer's Landscape Architect is to create a new plan addressing the following recommendations of the Landscape Board,
- Trees in despair condition need removed,
- The invasive plants need to be removed in all areas,
- Do not disturb the sub soil by using heavy equipment,
- Plant native trees in wider areas,
- Plant native shrubs in the other areas,
- Transition into wooded area; native transition with seasonal blooming color,
- Submit a list of native plants that are flood tolerant,
- List of substitution plant for the plaza area where there are invasive plants, along the bank;

seconded by Woolley. **On roll call vote:** Keehner, Abstain, DiGiando, Yes, Woolley, Yes and Hyde, Yes. **The motion carried 3 – 1 abstain.**

### **Hamilton Park on Sycamore Landscape Plan**

Collins discussed City Attorney, Weber review the motions the Board approved regarding the Hamilton Park on Sycamore Landscape Plan on June 6, 2007. Weber is asking the Board to rescind the first motion to accept the variance of less than 20' from driveway setback on the cul-de-sac for the Hamilton Park Development

Collins stated Weber said the second motion regarding the choice of trees can stay or address it along with the approval.

Weber is asking the Board to rescind the third motion that the City Forester is required to approve the variances on 20' spacing for the Hamilton Park Development.

Collins stated that Weber would like it noted why the minimum requirements can not be made and a motion made.

The Landscape Board discussed that pursuant to Section 913.10 of the Codified Ordinances the minimum requirements for the street tree plan cannot be met due to the placement of the lots, fire hydrants and aesthetics of the development. The developer is to meet code where ever possible but in the situations where they can not the trees should be no less than 15 feet from the driveway. The Landscape Board also recommends that Canadian Cherry trees are to replace the Red Buds in the center circle.

Woolley made a **MOTION** to recommend the Developer to re-draw the plan; any trees along the street and cul-de-sac that can not meet the code of 20' can not be less than 15' from the driveway due to the placement of the lots, fire hydrants and aesthetics of the development; the Landscape Board also recommends that Canadian Cherry trees are to replace the Red Buds in the center circle; seconded by DiGiando. **On roll call vote**: DiGiando, Yes, Woolley, Yes, Hyde, yes and Keehner, Yes. **The motion carried 4 – 0 and was approved.**

DiGiando made a **MOTION** to rescind the three motions from the June 6, 2007 Landscape Board meeting in regards to the Hamilton Park Development; seconded by Hyde. **On roll call vote**: Woolley, yes, Hyde, Yes, Keehner, Yes and DiGiando, Yes. **The motion carried 4 – 0 and was approved.** (June 6, 2007 motions noted below)

DiGiando made a **MOTION** to accept the variance of less than 20' from driveway setback on the cul-de-sac for the Hamilton Park Development; seconded by Keehner. **On roll call vote**: Hyde, Yes, Keehner, Yes, DiGiando, Yes, and Woolley, Yes. **The motion carried 4 – 0 and was approved.**

DiGiando made a **MOTION** for the developer of Hamilton Park to substitute Canadian Cherry for Red Buds in the center of the development due to height concerns for traffic clearance; seconded by Hyde. **On roll call vote**: DiGiando, Yes, Woolley, Yes, Hyde, Yes and Keehner, Yes. **The motion carried 4 – 0 and was approved.**

DiGiando made a **MOTION** that the City Forester is required to approve the variances on 20' spacing for the Hamilton Park Development; seconded by Woolley. **On roll call vote:** Hyde, Yes, Keehner, Yes, DiGiando, Yes and Woolley, Yes. **The motion carried 4 – 0 and was approved.**

### **Stonegate Landscape Plan**

Euton presented the Landscape Board with the plans for the Stonegate Development, Archie Archer. The Developer has proposed using 4 ½" caliper Red Maple trees as street trees.

Euton read comments from Rob Wendling, City Forester regarding the proposed street trees.

"The area between the curb and the sidewalk is only 3 – 4'. There is not enough room for grown without problems with the sidewalks, driveways and curbs in the future. The second concern is at the entrance where the spacing gets narrow. City Ordinance 913 states that spacing for large trees is 45' – 50'. Some of the trees could be moved to the open areas on either side of the entrance."

After some discussion it was decided that the developer needs to choose a smaller tree from the Street Tree list and stay within code.

Hyde made a **MOTION** that the Developer re-draws the plan with a tree that does not grow as large as the Red Maple and the Developer is to choose a tree from the small street tree plan; seconded by Woolley. **On roll call vote:** Hyde, Yes, Keehner, Yes, DiGiando, Yes, and Woolley, Yes. **The motion carried 4 – 0 and was approved.**

Keehner wanted it noted on the recorder he would like to see the sycamore trees along Creekside bank saved.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

At this time Woolley made a **MOTION** to adjourn; seconded by Hyde. Meeting adjourned.

The Landscape Board meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Submitted by,

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Pam Crossmock, Administrative Assistant

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2007

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Melissa Hyde, Chair